

The Pacific Commercial Advertiser

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, February 6.—Last 24 hours' rainfall, .76.
Temperature, Max. 78; Min. 69. Weather, variable.

SUGAR.—96 Degree Test Centrifugals, 3.42c.; Per Ton, \$68.40.
88 Analysis Beets, 8c. 1-4d.; Per Ton, \$76.20.

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HONOLULU, HAWAII TERRITORY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1907.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

DO PLEDGES STILL HOLD?

Supervisors Are Asked to Explain Their Position.

The members of the Republican County Committee, and Ben Zablan in particular, want to know just where the Republican members of the Board of Supervisors stand. They want to know whether the possession of office has loosened in any way their affections for and allegiance to the grand old party. To find out they have summoned the chairman of the roads committee of the board to appear before them and give an account of himself.

This was resolved at the meeting of the County Committee held last night in the Republican headquarters, the outcome of some remarks by Zablan. The recent actions of some of the Supervisors in voting against the proposed increase of pay for road workers, such as has been promised over, and over again at all the meetings of the last campaign, and the resolution passed by the board to the effect that the road department was to be non-partisan in its choice of laborers, was the text upon which Zablan based his remarks. At first it was suggested that a letter be sent the Republican members of the board, telling them things. A second suggestion, which was adopted, was to ask one of them to meet the committee and explain things.

The resignations of J. H. Kanepuu, H. C. Vida and Sam Johnson from the committee were read and accepted, their places being filled by the election of J. Kahalekaula, C. Holoua and W. F. Drake. The resignations were accepted without discussion and the elections did not bring out any contests.

A resolution was introduced asking for the appointment of a committee to prepare the draft of a municipal bill to carry out the pledge given in the county platform. All agreed and the committee was chosen as follows: J. H. Boyd and W. F. Drake of the Fourth, and N. Fernandez and C. H. Clarke of the Fifth, which Harry Murray, as chairman of the committee, to break any tie votes. The committee was instructed to proceed immediately to work, confer with the legislative subcommittee of the Central Committee and present their bill not later than next Wednesday.

In order to get a line on their duties the Achi draft bill was read. This proposed measure failed to satisfy many present. Chairman Murray remarked that there were a good many changes to be made before the bill would be acceptable, and C. W. Booth noticed that there was nothing in the Achi measure to prevent the Sheriff from making a clean sweep of his department if he wanted to.

The objections of Chairman Murray to the draft read were several. The bill was, he thought, simply the County Act with a lot of bigger salaries provided for. The bill stated that all officials not specifically mentioned were to be appointed by the mayor, and then went on to mention every official specifically that would be needed. There was a fatal lack of a police commission, too, as well as some other things.

The meeting adjourned early to meet again on Wednesday next for the report of their special municipal bill committee.

C. W. BEATTY WANTED ON SERIOUS CHARGE

C. W. Beatty, formerly the chauffeur of the delivery auto of the Hartman steam laundry, is wanted by the police for forgery. Beatty has not been employed by the laundry for some time, but a number of checks with the company's signature forged have been passed during the past short time, with one of which at least Beatty is said to have been connected. None of the checks are for large sums, but the aggregate amount involved in the forgeries is considerable.

The night before the police were notified to gather in the man they had taken him in charge in Iwilei as a common nuisance, releasing him, however, on the promises that he would be good. Since then he has managed to keep out of the way, although it is known that he is still in the city.

Beatty was well known before he began to hit the bumps on his recent backslide as an enthusiastic worker in one of the city missions, where he taught and exhorted nightly for some time.

EVERYTHING GOES WELL

The Floral Parade Will Be More Elaborate Than Before.

Arrangements for the forthcoming Floral Parade were given a big push at the meeting of the general committee held yesterday afternoon in the office of W. F. Dillingham. There had been much hard work done since the last meeting by the various special committees and these were able to report progress and satisfactory arrangements all along the line.

The parade this year will be a more elaborate affair than last year's effort. From the reports made yesterday it is certain that there will be a much bigger turnout of decorated carriages, and the number of riders in line, exclusive of those in the pa-u section, will be very many more. The pa-u riders will be out in almost twice as large a number as last year, while special riders, representing the other islands will be here to take part in the gala event, special places in the line being given to these. The number of automobile owners who have either consented to have their machines decorated to take part in the parade or have proffered the use of their bubble wagons to the committee is larger than had been the case at this time last year, and the auto feature promises to pass the altogether creditable showing of the initial parade.

OUTLINE OF PROGRAM.

W. F. Dillingham, who has the general management of all the arrangements for the parade, submitted the following outlined program, which was approved. His suggestions are:

The formation of the floral parade will take place in and around the Capitol grounds. The automobiles will be lined up on each side of the main entrance in their designated places and in the Likelike street entrance. The automobiles will enter by the Likelike street entrance only.

The formation of the riders will take place in Hotel street and on the grounds of the Drill Shed.

Carriages will enter either through the Richards street or Hotel street entrance and will be assigned their position.

The bicycle division will assemble on the sidewalk between the Capitol and the corner of King and Richards streets.

When the parade is formed the procession will move out the main entrance on King street, down King to Bishop, through Bishop to Hotel, along Hotel to Richards, up Richards to Beretania, out Beretania to Punchbowl, down Punchbowl to King, out King to McCully, along McCully to Beretania and thence along Beretania to the base ball grounds.

Permission having been secured for the use of the baseball grounds the judging and awarding of prizes will be held at that place, where the exhibitions of riding and driving will also be given.

It is proposed to charge a general admission fee of 25 cents with an appropriate price for reserved seats and private boxes.

The general divisions of the parade will be:

Automobiles,
Riders,
Pedestrians.

It is proposed to divide the automobile division into three sections, light and heavy touring cars and runabouts. Vehicles will also be divided into two sections, light vehicles and floats. The riders also into two sections, pa-u riders and other than pa-u riders.

It is suggested that three judges be appointed for each division, two sets of judges being appointed for the automobiles, one set for each section. Each set of judges to consist of three, one man and two ladies.

It has been suggested also that it would possibly be advisable to appoint two sets of judges for the riders, one for the pa-u riders and one for other than pa-u riders.

Last year some cash prizes were given to the riding division, that is to the pa-u riders, juvenile pa-u riders, cowboy juveniles and cowboys. Blue and white ribbons were given as first and second prizes for other riders, and red, white and blue ribbons were given to the winners in the vehicle division. Red, white and blue flags were given as prizes for automobiles, tableau floats and school floats.

This year it will be necessary to give special prizes to the special representative from each island.

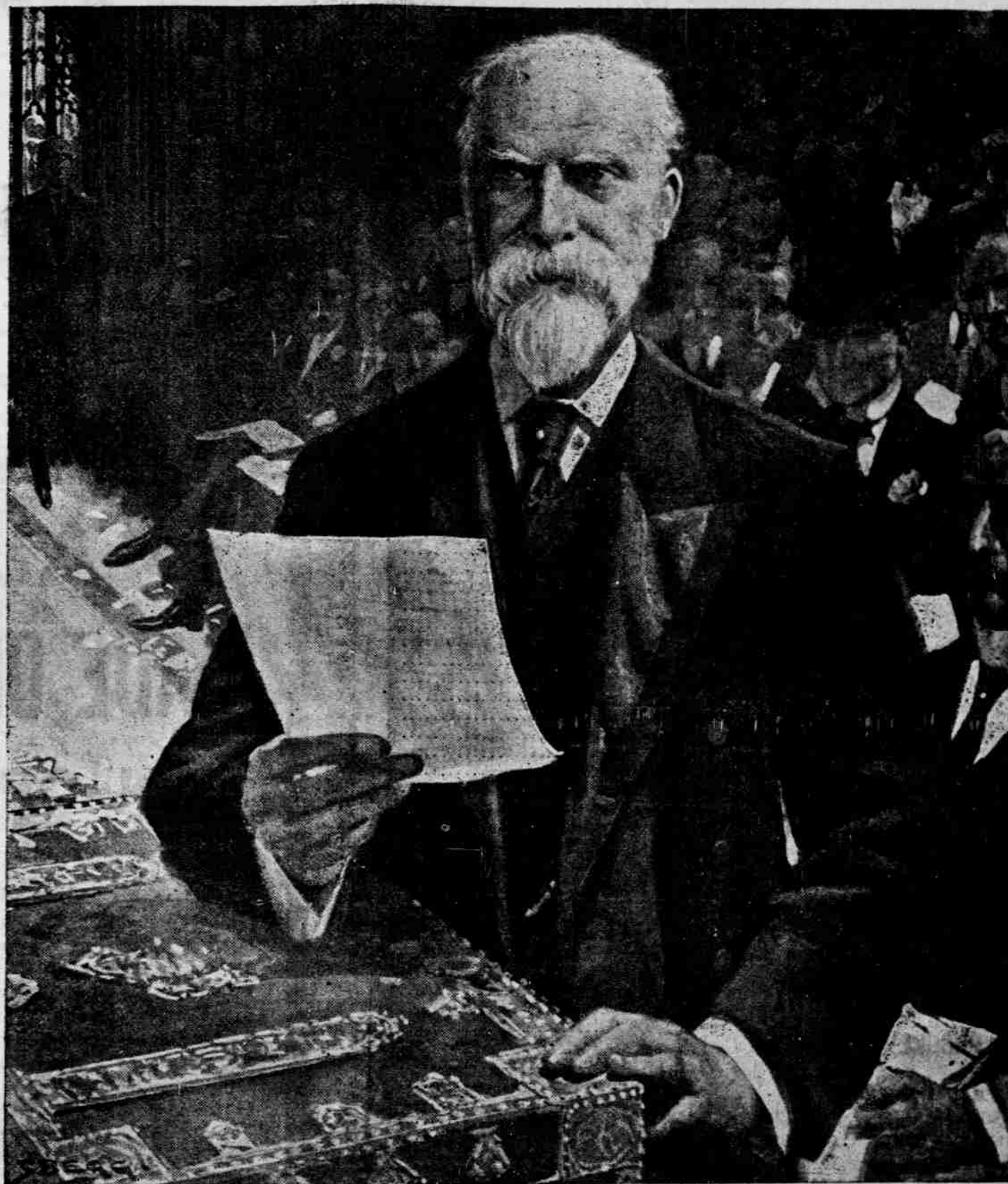
It is suggested that the prizes be given on practically the same lines as last year.

CHILLINGWORTH FOR MARSHAL.

After canvassing the names of several to act as marshal of the parade it was decided that Charles F. Chillingworth was the man for the job.

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FAREWELL BANQUET TO BRITISH DIPLOMAT



RIGHT HONORABLE JAMES BRYCE, BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES.

Departure of Bryce for Washington a Notable Anglo- American Event.

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

LONDON, February 7.—A farewell banquet was given last night in honor of James Bryce, who will leave shortly for Washington to fill the post of British Ambassador. The banquet was a notable Anglo-American event. Lord Roberts presided.

THAW'S LIFE WAS MENACED

NEW YORK, February 7.—Testimony has been brought out at the trial of Harry Thaw that White had threatened to kill the accused in 1903 because of the attentions he was paying to Evelyn Nesbit, now Mrs. Thaw. The first witness to be called today will be the wife or daughter of White.

NEBOGATOFF GOES TO JAIL

ST. PETERSBURG, February 7.—The Czar has confirmed the sentence passed upon Admiral Nebogattoff by the court martial, which pronounced him guilty of cowardice in surrendering his ships to the Japanese in the battle of the Sea of Japan and sentenced him to imprisonment for ten years.

CLERGYMEN PROTESTING

BOSTON, February 7.—The leading Episcopal Bishops have protested against the warlike display proposed for the coming Jamestown exposition. They declare the display unworthy of a peaceful American republic.

ROOSEVELT NEGLECTFUL

SAN SALVADOR, Salvador, February 7.—Diplomatic negotiations between Nicaragua and Honduras have been broken off.

AFTERNOON CABLE REPORT

SACRAMENTO, February 6.—A resolution was introduced in the State Senate today asking the Federal Government not to make a new treaty with Japan unless it provides for the exclusion of Japanese coolie laborers and does not impair State laws.

SAN DIEGO, February 6.—The ships of the Pacific squadron have returned from target practice. The cruiser Chicago has gone to Central America, where trouble threatens.

FLORENCE, Italy, February 6.—Rear Admiral Kautz died here today.

WASHINGTON, February 6.—The President is planning a hunting trip in Alaska at the expiration of his term.

WASHINGTON, February 6.—Contractor Oliver has filed his completed bid for the construction of the Panama canal.

NEW YORK, February 6.—Attorney Delmas, who came from San Francisco to assist in the defense of Harry Thaw, took charge of the defense today.

DR. JORDAN COMING.

Dr. David Starr Jordan will stop at Honolulu towards the end of May on his way to Australia, where he will lecture before the University of Sydney on "The American University System." He will also visit at Samoa.

MAIL BOATS DUE TODAY.

The S. S. Miowera is due today from the Colonies, en route to Victoria and Vancouver. Mail sent by her will reach all mainland points ahead of that by the next direct mail steamer to San Francisco, which is the S. S. China, due February 11 from the Orient. It is likely that she will be dispatched a few hours after her arrival.

ACHI'S MUNICIPAL PLAN AN EXPENSIVE LUXURY

A Handsome Increase of Salaries and Tremendous Power Given Mayor of Honolulu ---Some Items From the Bill.

Municipal and county government, as embodied in the Achi bill, would come high, but Charley Achi is sure we ought to have it. Here are the salary figures as they stand and as Achi would raise them:

	Present Cost.	Under New Charter.
Mayor.....	None	\$ 5,000
Supervisors nine, instead of seven.....	\$ 4,200	8,100
Sheriff.....	2,100	3,000
City and county clerk.....	1,500	1,800
Auditor.....	1,800	2,400
Superintendent of streets.....	2,400	3,000
City and county attorney.....	2,400	3,000
Treasurer.....	2,400	2,400
Deputy sheriffs, all districts.....	4,920	6,600
District magistrates (now Territory).....	66,840
	\$22,300	\$32,140

THE ONE MAN POWER FEATURE.

Years ago, about the time the late "Jake" Sharp manipulated the New York Assembly so that he got one of the most valuable franchises in the State without payment, except to the assemblymen, a vaudevilleist, who did Dutch business at the old Comic theater, wrote a song in which the street cars and the mayor figured. It went something like this:

"I wish I was de Mayor I bet you dere 'd be no fusses
I'd take off de cars and pull up de tracks and put off der omnibuses."

Such a thought would imply that the mayor was a man of mighty power, such power as Charlie Achi had in mind when he drafted his municipal bill from the charters of the "City and County of San Francisco; the City and County of Napa and the County Act of Hawaii." If there is any power that Charlie has not delegated to that official it is something he overlooked in the rush to envelop him with every other power held by an official. The new charter provides that:

"Any bill containing several items may be vetoed as a whole by the mayor or he may decline to approve certain items. In such case he shall append to the bill, at the time of signing it, a statement of the item or items to which he objects and the reason therefor."

for and the items so objected to shall not become effective unless passed notwithstanding the mayor's objection. Each item so objected to shall be separately reconsidered by the board in the same manner as bills which have been disapproved [sic] by the mayor."

The duties of this official include the issuance of proclamations of election and in case of a tie vote he shall order a special election to be held in the same manner as a general election.

In case of the impeachment and removal of any elected official the mayor shall fill the vacancy. This power is conveyed to him to the extent that he shall fill all vacancies caused by death, removal or resignation.

The qualifications of the office are that he be a legal voter and a resident of the county three years prior to his election to office. He shall appoint a secretary at a salary of fifteen hundred dollars a year and a stenographer at twelve hundred dollars, both of whom shall hold office during his pleasure.

He shall appoint all officers of the city and county whose election or appointment is not provided for and he shall fill vacancies not otherwise provided for.

From the provisions of this bill coarse, thoughtless persons will suspect graft and a desire on the part of Mr. Achi to gather in enough votes at the first election to win the job. It is (Continued on Page Two.)

METT BOUGHT A GUN BEFORE DISAPPEARING

Carl Mett, an expert accountant in Bishop & Co.'s bank for many years, has disappeared and all the evidence secured points to his probable suicide. An examination of his books shows a defalcation of \$500, the discovery of which occurred within a few minutes after he had hurriedly left the bank.

The money which the accountant's books shows to be missing was deposited in the bank on January 30, the deposit entry in the depositor's book being in the handwriting of the missing man. On Tuesday a check for the amount deposited was presented at the bank and payment refused, the ledger showing no money to the credit of the drawer. Shortly afterwards the drawer of the check appeared at the bank with his book and asked for an explanation of why his check had been dishonored.

His appearance had evidently been noted by Mett, who immediately left the bank building, ostensibly to go to Cunha's, just across the road. He never appeared at Cunha's, nor has he since returned to the bank. Within a few minutes of his disappearance from Bishop & Co.'s, however, he purchased a 38-caliber Herrington revolver at the store of C. M. Tal, on King street, getting at the same time a box of fifty cartridges. He explained to the clerk that he wanted the gun to shoot cats with.

The theory of the police is that Mett took the \$500 when it was deposited, depending on being able to replace it before the defalcation was discovered. The sudden demand for the money, however, upset whatever plans he may have had, and in desperation at the position in which he found himself he purchased the revolver and has probably taken his own life.

In this connection it is remembered that some years ago a close personal friend of Mett, a German, committed suicide in the crater of Diamond Head, his body lying undiscovered for months.

Mett has had domestic trouble. Late in the year he secured a divorce from his wife. These things brought him financial difficulty and for some time he has practised rigid economy in his personal affairs. It is feared his mind is affected. Telegraphic orders have been sent to San Francisco and to Hilo for his apprehension should he turn up at either point. The steamer Alameda before departure was searched in vain for him.

There are few of his contemporaries who have stood higher in the esteem of their employers or been more generally liked in Honolulu than Carl Mett. He has several children, a son having left here some time ago in a sailing vessel. Mr. Mett was an enthusiastic member of the Honolulu Symphony Club.